The Kiwanis Children’s Fund partners with clubs and districts in all our Kiwanis nations to help the children of the world by focusing the generous gifts of our donors in five primary areas:

- Kiwanis’ Service Leadership Programs for young people from elementary school through college as well as adults with disabilities
- Grants to clubs and districts that align relevant community services with the needs of children
- Disaster Relief Grants for clubs and districts providing direct services and supplies in the aftermath of natural disasters
- The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis’ global campaign to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus
- The Iodine Deficiency Disorder Project, Kiwanis’ global campaign to prevent mental disabilities through the proper iodization of table salt

MISSION

Our mission is to assist Kiwanis International in serving the children of the world. The work of the Children’s Fund helps Kiwanians change kids’ lives—often in ways that would otherwise remain beyond the resources of clubs and districts.

HISTORY

It began with 25 silver dollars. That’s the donation Walter Zeller made in 1940—the first in our history, one year after the Kiwanis International Foundation had been established.

Zeller’s gift inspired others to build on his donation then. And Kiwanians have been doing so ever since. Today, we are known as the Kiwanis Children’s Fund to better reflect who we serve: children; and how we serve them: by funding the work of the Kiwanis family.